

Appendix L

Travel Management Planning Guidelines



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- Among other designation criteria from 43 CFR 8342.1(b), “areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Special attention will be given to protect endangered or threatened species and their habitats.
- During subsequent travel management planning, all routes would undergo a route evaluation to determine its purpose and need and the potential resource and/or user conflicts from motorized travel. Where resource and/or user conflicts outweigh the purpose and need for the route, the route would be considered for closure or considered for relocation outside of sensitive GRSG habitat.
- During implementation-level travel planning, threats to GRSG and their habitat would be considered when evaluating route designations and/or closures.
- During subsequent travel management planning, routes that do not have a purpose or need would be considered for closure.
- During subsequent travel management planning, routes that are duplicative, parallel, or redundant would be considered for closure.
- During subsequent travel management planning, seasonal restrictions on OHV use would be considered in important seasonal habitats where OHV use is a threat.
- During subsequent travel management planning, OHV timing limitations would be considered in important seasonal habitats where OHV use is a threat.
- During subsequent travel management planning, consider limiting over snow vehicle (OSV) travel to designated routes, consider seasonal closures in GRSG wintering areas from November 1 through March 31 or define Designation Criteria (i.e. minimization criteria) to regulate over snow vehicle traffic.
- During subsequent travel management planning, routes not required for public access or recreation with a current administrative/agency purpose or need would be evaluated for administrative access only.
- During subsequent travel management planning, consider prioritizing restoration of routes not designated in a Travel Management Plan.
- During subsequent travel management planning, consider using seed mixes or transplant techniques that will maintain or enhance GRSG habitat when rehabilitating linear disturbances.
- During subsequent travel management planning, consider scheduling road maintenance to avoid disturbance during sensitive periods and times to the extent practicable. Consider using time of day limits (After 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM) to reduce impacts on GRSG during breeding and nesting periods.

Over-snow vehicle – a motor vehicle that is designed for use over snow and that runs on a track or tracks and/or a ski or skis, while in use over snow.

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